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Minutes of the 11th Meeting of Sham Shui Po District Council (7th Term)
of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Date : 16 September 2025 (Tuesday)
Time : 2:00 p.m.
Venue : Conference Room, Sham Shui Po District Council

Present

Chairman

Mr WONG Ho-yu, Oscar, JP

Members

Mr HO Kwan-chau, Leo
Ms WU Wanqiu
Mr LEE Wing-man, MH
Mr LAM Ka-fai, Aaron, BBS, JP
Mr LAM Wai-man, Raymond
Ms WU Sze-wan
Mr CHEUNG Tak-wai
Mr LEUNG Ping-kin
Ms KWOK Yin-lai, MH
Mr CHAN Wai-ming, BBS, MH, JP
Mr CHAN Kwok-wai, MH
Mr CHAN Lung-kit
Ms CHEN Lihong
Ms CHUM Pik-wa
Mr WONG Chun-hung, Hanson
Dr WONG Chung-leung, MH, JP
Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH
Ms CHUNG Ching-may, MH
Mr LO Chi-chiu
Dr PONG Chiu-fai, MH

In Attendance

Miss CHAN Lok-tung, Agnes	Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 1
Ms YUEN Pui-yuk, Quinnie	Senior Liaison Officer 2, Sham Shui Po District Office
Ms WONG Yu-hang, Anita	Senior Liaison Officer 3, Sham Shui Po District Office
Mr KWONG Ka-kuen	Senior Liaison Officer 4, Sham Shui Po District Office
Ms WU Sze-ki, Kase	Liaison Officer-in-charge (North) , Sham Shui Po District Office
Ms MOK Oi-him, Joyce	Police Community Relations Officer (Sham Shui Po Police District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHAN Chi-man, Chapman	Chief Transport Officer/Kowloon 1, Transport Department
Ms MAK Siu-ling, Iris	Chief Manager/Management (Kowloon West and Sai Kung), Housing Department
Ms HO Po-chu	District Leisure Manager (Sham Shui Po), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAM Pui-ling	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sham Shui Po) District Support, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr WONG Wai-nang	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sham Shui Po), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr CHAN Pui-lun	Chief Health Inspector (Sham Shui Po) 2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr SIT Siu-chi, Simon	Chief School Development Officer (Sham Shui Po), Education Bureau
Miss MA Tsui-yung	District Social Welfare Officer (Sham Shui Po), Social Welfare Department
Mr CHOI Chung-keung	Senior Engineer/South and Sustainable Lantau, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms MAN Yi-lok, Ricka	Senior Service Manager, POH Children and Family Services
Ms YIM Sze-man, Eva	Assistant Center-in-charge, Sham Shui Po East Community Living Room

Secretary

Mr LAM Ka-yeung, Neil	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Sham Shui Po District Office
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 11th meeting of the 7th term Sham Shui Po District Council (“SSPDC”).

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the 7th Term Sham Shui Po District Council

2. The minutes of the 10th meeting were confirmed without amendment.

Item 2: Pilot Programme on Community Living Room – Sham Shui Po East Community Living Room Project (SSPDC Paper No. 45/2025)

3. Ms Ricka MAN presented Paper No. 45/2025.

4. Mr CHEUNG Tak-wai made a declaration that he was a staff of China Merchants Group, the venue sponsor of Sham Shui Po East Community Living Room (“SSPECLR”).

5. The Chairman noted the above declaration of interests.

6. Mr CHEUNG Tak-wai raised the following: (i) suggested leveraging the ground-floor location of the SSPECLR to more effectively promote its services and draw public interest; (ii) hoped that the operating organisation, Pok Oi Hospital (“POH”), would make good use of the SSPECLR to provide diversified services for more subdivided unit (“SDU”) households in the district; and (iii) suggested strengthening cooperation with the SSPDC and local organisations to enhance service quality and expand service coverage.

7. Ms KWOK Yin-lai raised the following: (i) enquired about the similarities and differences in the service scopes between the SSPECLR and other community living rooms in the district; and (ii) enquired whether the SSPECLR could meet the needs of SDU households in the Nam Cheong North area.

8. Mr CHAN Lung-kit raised the following: (i) enquired whether member recruitment by the SSPECLR was different from other community living rooms in the district and about the ways to attract more SDU households to become members; (ii) suggested promoting government housing policies, such as the Basic Housing Units

Bill, in the community living room; and (iii) suggested providing emotional support to families facing housing problems.

9. Ms Ricka MAN responded as follows: (i) the SSPECLR, located on the ground floor with glass walls in the heart of Sham Shui Po, attracted great interest from the SDU households in the district for its services; (ii) POH had applied for a number of grants from the Government and sought corporate sponsorship to further expand the services, such as organising drama programmes for children of SDU households; (iii) all the four community living rooms in the district were funded by the Community Care Fund, and the facilities provided were generally the same; (iv) POH placed special emphasis on child development and mental health, and would provide related services such as children drama programmes and horticultural therapy at the SSPECLR; (v) according to the resident opinion survey of the SSPECLR, there was a high demand for Chinese medicine services among SDU households in the district. While POH was unable to provide such services at the SSPECLR due to technical issues, it had planned to cooperate with the Pok Oi Chinese Medicine Mobile Clinic parked regularly at a nearby shopping mall to provide affordable Chinese medicine services to members of the SSPECLR; (vi) since March, POH had been promoting the services of the community living room in Sham Shui Po District, and the number of members had increased from about 250 households before its opening on 30 June to about 380 households at present. POH would continue to promote the community living room through local organisations, schools, and shops and would expand member recruitment scope; and (vii) POH planned to hold talks on Basic Housing Units Bill or set up an information platform at the SSPECLR to enhance residents' understanding of housing policies.

10. The Chairman concluded as follows: (i) extended thanks to POH representative for the detailed presentation on the SSPECLR; and (ii) looked forward to the cooperation of the District Office, the District Council and the SSPECLR to improve the living conditions of grassroots families in the district and enhance their sense of well-being.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had arranged a visit to the SSPECLR for SSPDC Members on 15 October.]

Item 3: Expediting the Promotion of Smart Management in Public Housing Estates in Sham Shui Po District to Enhance Residents' Sense of Well-being (SSPDC Paper No. 46/2025)

11. Mr Leo HO presented Paper No. 46/2025.

12. Ms Iris MAK presented Response Paper No. 46a/2025.

13. Mr CHAN Wai-ming raised the following: (i) hoped that efforts could be strengthened to implement smart estate management in the district; (ii) enquired about the specific timetables for implementing smart estate management across all public rental housing (“PRH”) estates in Hong Kong; and (iii) suggested considering prioritising the use of innovative technologies in smaller PRH estates, including smart access control systems and enhanced applications of “iHousing”, so as to improve management quality and efficiency.

14. Mr CHAN Kwok-wai raised the following: (i) suggested that the Department should prioritise the use of mature and widely applicable innovative technologies and gradually apply them to all PRH estates in Hong Kong; and (ii) suggested introducing elements of smart estate management during the planning and tendering stages of PRH estates.

15. Mr Aaron LAM suggested that the Department should draw on the practices of private housing estates and introduce suitable technologies in PRH estates, such as systems for monitoring illegal parking and real-time video communication, to enhance management efficiency.

16. Ms Iris MAK gave a consolidated response: (i) at this stage, the Department was piloting the use of innovative technologies in the management of selected newly completed or small PRH estates, while simultaneously collecting data. After an assessment of the scheme’s effectiveness and residents’ feedback, consideration would be given to progressively promoting such technologies to other PRH estates; (ii) the Department was currently piloting the use of a smart contactless access control system in Hin Fat Estate in Tuen Mun, while continuing discussions with relevant government departments and research institutions on the feasibility of other systems. Subject to available resources, the Department would pilot the use of other smart access control systems in other PRH estates. Following comparative analysis, such systems would be progressively rolled out to suitable estates; (iii) the Department had progressively incorporated clauses relating to innovative technologies such as cleaning robots and drones into estate management service contracts to enhance the management efficiency of PRH estates; and (iv) the Department had trialled the installation of sensors at illegal parking black spots or major access routes within PRH estates to monitor the conditions of unauthorised parking and emergency access, enabling management personnel to respond promptly.

17. Ms WU Wanqiu raised the following: (i) enquired about the timetable for implementing smart estate management; (ii) enquired whether the Department would utilise closed-circuit television systems combined with artificial intelligence technology during investigations into cases on objects being thrown from height, to identify the residents involved; (iii) suggested expediting the introduction of intelligent robots to handle routine management tasks such as cleaning; and (iv) suggested installing fall detection systems in all toilet cubicles to facilitate timely rescue in the event of accidents.

18. Mr Hanson WONG raised the following: (i) suggested that the Department should introduce age-friendly facilities in housing estates with a higher proportion of elderly residents, such as Lai Kok Estate, by installing fall detectors in common areas of the estates; and (ii) suggested that the Department should install stairlifts on the top floors of certain buildings in Lai On Estate that were not directly accessible by lifts, to facilitate the access of residents with disabilities.

19. Ms Iris MAK gave a consolidated response: (i) the Department noted Members' concerns regarding accelerating the implementation of smart estate management and would forward the collected views to the departmental task force for follow-up; (ii) the Department had not yet set out a timetable for implementing smart estate management across all PRH estates in Hong Kong; (iii) the Department had engaged a technology company to utilise artificial intelligence technology to assist in analysing "eyes in the sky" footage involving objects being thrown from height, including analysing the falling objects and their trajectories, to identify the units involved and take appropriate follow-up actions; (iv) the Department had included provisions regarding the use of smart cleaning robots in newly signed estate management contracts; and (v) due to constraints of existing space and building design, lifts could not be retrofitted in some buildings at Lai On Estate. Residents with urgent needs might apply to the Department for transfer to flats with direct lift access.

20. The Chairman concluded as follows: (i) expected that the Department would further expand the scope of technological applications in smart estate management and expedite the implementation as set out in the timetable; and (ii) expected that the Department would forward Members' views and suggestions to its dedicated task force for consideration and follow-up.

Item 4: Concern about Recent Death Cases in Sham Shui Po District; Request to Strengthen Mental Health Support and Enhance Timely Identification of High-Risk Families

21. Ms LAU Pui-yuk presented Paper No. 47/2025.
22. Miss MA Tsui-yung presented Response Paper No. 47b/2025.
23. Mr LEE Wing-man raised the following: (i) commended the Department for its prompt follow-up on reported cases; (ii) recommended that the Department should increase resources and manpower to identify and follow up on cases suspected of involving mental health issues; and (iii) suggested enhancing collaboration with social welfare organisations to prevent recurrence of similar incidents.
24. Mr LEUNG Ping-kin raised the following: suggested that the Department should strengthen collaboration with community stakeholders and Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness, making effective use of the Carer Database to identify high-risk cases and follow up accordingly.
25. Ms KWOK Yin-lai raised the following: suggested that training in mental health support should be enhanced for frontline workers and Care Teams in the district, with a view to identifying and supporting individuals or families in need at an early stage, thereby preventing similar incidents from recurring.
26. Dr PONG Chiu-fai raised the following: (i) suggested that the Government should adopt measures to prevent excessive media coverage from triggering copycat risks; (ii) enquired how the Department identified and supported families of persons with mental illness in need through support measures for low-income earners implemented in collaboration with the Hospital Authority (“HA”); and (iii) suggested that the Government should take the lead in formulating policies and coordinating resources from various parties to enable cross-sector collaboration among government departments, public institutions and community organisations, thereby establishing an effective support network.
27. Miss MA Tsui-yung gave a consolidated response: (i) the Department would continue to strengthen cross-sector collaboration and consolidate resources to support persons with mental health needs; and (ii) under the existing mechanism, HA doctors would refer psychiatric patients requiring welfare services and their families to medical social workers for follow-up support.

28. The Chairman concluded as follows: it was hoped that relevant departments, including the District Office, the Care Teams and the Social Welfare Department, would work together with local organisations to strengthen the community support networks, promptly identify high-risk families and provide corresponding assistance, so as to avoid recurrence of similar incidents.

Item 5: Reports of Committees and Working Group Directly under the SSPDC

- (a) District Facilities and Works Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 48/2025)
- (b) Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 49/2025)
- (c) Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 50/2025)
- (d) Traffic and Transport Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 51/2025)
- (e) Housing, Planning and Social Welfare Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 52/2025)
- (f) Youth, Community Development and Innovation Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 53/2025)
- (g) Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (SSPDC Paper No. 54/2025)

29. The Committee noted and approved the contents of the above reports.

Item 6: Any Other Business

30. The Chairman introduced the “Belt and Road · Hong Kong (2025)” booklet: (i) the Belt and Road Summit was hosted by the Government on 10 and 11 September, gathering senior government officials and business leaders from countries and regions along and beyond the Belt and Road to explore the enormous business opportunities arising from the Belt and Road Initiative (“B&RI”); (ii) the booklet, published by the Belt and Road Office, was distributed at the meeting, aiming to deepen Members’ understanding of the B&RI and encourage them to assist Hong Kong in utilising the role as a functional platform and serving its role as a “super connector” and “super value-adder”; and (iii) Members were encouraged to disseminate information about the B&RI in the community to enhance public awareness.

31. The Chairman stated the following: (i) the HA’s General Out-patient Clinics (“GOPCs”) and Community Health Centres would be uniformly named as Family Medicine Clinics and Family Medicine Integrated Centres respectively with effect from 11 October 2025 to more accurately reflect the nature and development direction of public primary healthcare services and expressly showcase the comprehensive provision of family medicine services; (ii) the new names consisted of the existing key landmarks (such as districts and housing estate names) and the newly added labels for

the unified services so as to help the public more easily recognise them and better understand the scope of services; and (iii) four GOPCs in the district would be renamed. It was hoped that Members would publicise this in the community, including disseminating information about the uniform naming and its significance, through various channels and networks to facilitate the smooth implementation.

32. Ms Joyce MOK stated the following: (i) a theft recently occurred in Shek Kip Mei Estate, and District Member Mr Raymond LAM happened to be passing by and assisted police officers in successfully arresting the suspect; and (ii) the Police commended Mr LAM for his full assistance on that day and expressed gratitude to SSPDC Members for their continued support of police work.

Item 7: Date of Next Meeting

33. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 4 November 2025 (Tuesday).

34. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:23 p.m.

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